DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of procurement and movement (Rice & wheat) for the year 93-94 and 94-95 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The shortfall in movement can be attributed to long hauls, limited availability of rakes, delay in timely release of wagons and procurement within a short period.

(c) The following important steps have been taken:—

(i) Close coordination with the Railways was maintained. This resulted in improved supply of rakes from 14.1/day during 1994 to 17.1/day during 1995 and 19.1/day during 1996 (so far).

(ii) Wherever feasible, road movement was resorted to;

(iii) Quick release of wagons by FCI was emphasised to improve wagon availability;

(iv) Open wagons were used to the extent possible.

**Statement**

*Movement of Wheat in Gujarat and Southern parts of the Country*

(Figs. in lakh tons)

1. OVERALL PROCUREMENT AND MOVEMENT

| Year | Procurement | | | Movement | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Wheat | Rice | Total | Wheat | Rice | Total | |
| 1993-94 | 128.3 | 135.6 | 263.9 | 102.8 | 88.8 | 191.6 | A part of the procurement is consumed locally in the States without involving rail movement. |
| 1994-95 | 118.6 | 131.2 | 249.8 | 91.5 | 75.4 | 167.0 | |

2. MOVEMENT TO GUJARAT AND SOUTHERN STATES

| State | Year | Movement Planned | | | Actual Movement | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Wheat | Rice | Total | Wheat | Rice | Total | |
| GUJARAT | 1993-94 | 9.95 | 2.3 | 12.25 | 7.56 | 2.48 | 10.04 | (82%) |
| | 1994-95 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 10.75 | 5.52 | 3.35 | 8.87 | (82.5%) |
| SOUTHERN | 1993-94 | 23.83 | 40.01 | 63.84 | 19.01 | 35.25 | 54.26 | (85%) |
| STATES | 1994-95 | 29.15 | 33.1 | 62.25 | 24.37 | 26.88 | 51.25 | (82.3%) |

**Policy regarding foreign investments**

*434. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy regarding foreign investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above policy is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The foreign investment policy is constantly reviewed to make it more investor-friendly and dynamic with the objective of increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Country particularly, in the priority sectors including infrastructure.

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*435. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: